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SUBJECT: FOREIGN POLICY ASPECTS OF CONGRESS ELECTION MANIFESTO

1. FOREIGN POLICY SECTION OF CONGRESS PARTY ELECTION MANIFESTO RELEASED FEB 8 IS GENEAL AND CONTAINS NO REFERENCES TO ANY SPECIFIC COUNTRIES (UNLIKE 1971 ELECTION MANIFESTO WHICH NOTED DESIRE FOR IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH PAKISTAN AND CHINA).

2. MANIFESTO SAYS CONGRESS WILL CONTINUE POLICY OF NON-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALIGNMENT "WHICH HAS KEPT INDIA OUT OF MILITARY BLOCS", WILL SUPPORT PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE, RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY OF EVERY NATION, AND NON INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER NATIONS. CONGRESS SEEKS FRIENDSHIP "OF ALL COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY OF INDIA'S IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORS, AND NOTES WITH SATISFACTION THE RECENT SUCCESS OF INDIA'S EFFORTS TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH HER NEIGHBORS".

3. ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS, THE MANIFESTO CALLS FOR "URGENT MEASURES" TO ESTABLISH A NIEO, TO ENSURE THE ACCELERATED GROWTH OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND URGES GREATER COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING NATIONS THEMSELVES. IT OPPOSES SPHERES OF INFLUENCE AND BALANCE OF POWER AS WELL AS ALL FORMS OF COLONIALISM, IMPERIALISM, APARTHEID AND RACIALISM AND REAFFIRMS SUPPORT FOR "OPPRESSED PEOPLE IN AFRICA AND ELSEWHERE AGAINST COLONIALISM AND RACIALISM". THE MANIFESTO CONCLUDES THIS SECTION BY WELCOMING DETENTE, WHICH SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD, AND CALLS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UN DECLARATION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN AS A ZONE OF PEACE".

4. IT SUBSEQUENTLY, IN SUMMARIZING ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE LAST SIX YEARS, MENTIONS THAT THE GOVT WAS ABLE "TO CARRY OUT THE PEACEFUL AND SPECTACULAR UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR IMPLOSION AT BOKHARAN IN MAY 1974" AND SEPARATELY OBSERVES THAT CONGRESS ATTACHES SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO APPLYING SCIENCE TO "...ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE..."

5. COMMENT: WE SEE NO SIGNIFICANT DEPARTURES FROM PRESENT GOI POLICY IN THE ELECTION MANIFESTO. IN RELEASING THE MANIFESTO PERSONALLY, MRS. GANDHI OBSERVED THAT MANY FOREIGN COUNTRIES HAD ACKNOWLEDGED THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE EMERGENCY AND SHE ASSURED THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD THAT HER AND HER PARTY'S WORKING FOR A STRONG INDIA DID NOT POSE ANY THREAT TO ANYBODY.
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